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SWALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

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Dr. PRIDEAUX SELBY,

Acting Medical Officer of Health,

WITH THE

ANNUAL REPORT of

A. J. HURN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,

Chief Sanitary Inspector,

FOR THE

Year ending December 31st, 1941

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present an Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1941, curtailed in accordance with the instruction of the Ministry of Health, Circular 2604.

With this report is incorporated that of your Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. A. J. Hurn, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

See Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Aural Clinic: 36, Albany Road, Sittingbourne. Aural Surgeon in attendance 2nd Tuesday mornings in each month at 10 a.m. Aural Nurse in attendance 1st and 3rd Friday mornings in each month at 9.30 a.m.

School Clinics: 36, Albany Road, Sittingbourne, Saturday mornings from 10 to 12.

Dental Clinic: 36, Albany Road, Sittingbourne, Mondays and Fridays from 10 o'clock till 4 p.m.

Ophthalmic Clinic: 36, Albany Road, Sittingbourne, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m., by appointment.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES: — Kent County Council.

The above are held as follows:—

Teynham—St. John's Hut, Thursdays, 2 to 4.

Newnham—Village Hall, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2 to 4

Boughton—Church Hall, alternate Wednesdays, 2 to 4.

Newington—Women's Institute, London Road, Tuesdays, 2 to 4.

Selling—Village Hall, alternate Wednesdays.

Throwley—Mission Room, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2 o'clock.

Hernhill—Women's Institute, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 2 to 4.

Upchurch—Crown Inn, alternate Thursdays, 2 to 4.

Borden, Tunstall and Bredgar—Borden Vicarage, Fridays, 2 to 4.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

An Ante-Natal Clinic is held on the 4th Monday in every month at the Faversham Centre, and at Teynham from 10 a.m. to 12, 1st Thursday in each month. Midwives operate in all Districts.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

Faversham Tuberculosis Clinic, 13, South Road, Faversham:—Males and Females, Wednesday, 11 to 1 o'clock.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of the infectious diseases were notified during the year:—

	1941	1940
Whooping Cough	94	—
Measles	291	—
Scarlet Fever	14	30
Diphtheria	6	2
Pneumonia	9	9
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	5	4
Erysipelas	5	1
Acute Encephalitis	1	—
Two deaths occurred from Pneumonia.		

TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930.

Under these Regulations the Medical Officer of Health is required to keep an up-to-date Register of all notified cases.

The cases during the year were as follows:—

	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Total
Number on Register, 1st January, 1941	60	31	91
Number on Register, 31st December, 1941	64	36	100

Of the above cases 6 removed to other Districts, 8 died, and 1 recovered.

There were 24 fresh cases added to the Register.

ANTI-DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Approximately 87 per cent. of the school children in the 37 parishes of this area were immunised at the schools during 1941.

Arrangements are now made by which the Clerk to the Kent County Council sends me monthly a list of the children born in this area during the previous month, and I send notices to all parents when the child attains the age of one year urging the necessity for Immunisation and giving a list of the surgeries of all doctors practising in the Swale area where the Immunisation can be performed free of charge to the parents.

There has been no case of diphtheria amongst school children since the operation was started in May, 1941, to this date. Two cases notified proved negative on bacteriological examination.

Appended is the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

The duties of the Medical Officer of Health concerned with Air Raid Precautions as laid down by the Home Office and Ministry of Health are being carried out under the County Medical Officer of Health by me.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

PRIDEAUX SELBY,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Public Health Dept.,
12, Market Place,
Faversham
August, 1942.

To Dr. Prideaux Selby,
Medical Officer of Health,
Swale Rural District.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report of work carried out by my Department during the year ended 31st December, 1941.

1. GENERAL

Number of House Inspections	107
Number of House Re-inspections	253
Total	360
Number of Notices served:—	
Preliminary	37
Statutory	—
Total	37
Number of written complaints received	12
Number of letters written	127
Number of School Notices (Infectious Diseases) sent out	15

2. HOUSING DEFECTS.

Lighting and Ventilation	3
Walls repaired	7
Ceilings repaired	7
Roofs repaired	6
Floors repaired	4
Eaves gutters repaired	3
Paving	1
Dampness remedied	3
Premises cleaned	3
Miscellaneous	8

3. DRAINS AND CESSPOOLS.

New Drains	16
Drains relaid and repaired	2
Drains cleared	9
Drains tested	16
New baths and lavatory basins	10
New sinks	2
Cesspools abolished	2
Cesspools and septic tanks constructed	10
Cesspools repaired	4
New gully traps	24

4 **CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.**

New water closets constructed	13
New pail closets	2
Water laid to W.C.'s	13
New pans and traps	5

5. **WATER SUPPLY.**

Samples taken for Analysis	9
Wells cleaned	2
Wells repaired	2
Houses connected to main	3

6. **COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.**

Number of Cowkeepers on Register	60
Number of Retail Purveyors on Register	75
Number of Premises on Register	116
Number of Inspections	249
Number of defects found	4
Number of defects remedied	4
Number of samples taken	39

7. **SLAUGHTERHOUSES.**

No slaughtering, apart from emergency slaughter, is carried out in the district during the war.

MILK SUPPLY.

There are 116 premises registered as dairies and milk is produced at 60 farms. There were 75 retail purveyors on the register at the end of the year. Designated milk is produced at 18 farms. 39 samples of designated milks were taken during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The district is generally well served with main water and samples are taken quarterly for bacteriological examination from the mains of the Companies concerned.

No important extensions to the mains have been carried out during the year. Nine samples were taken from wells for chemical analysis.

HOUSING.

Owing to war conditions building by private enterprise has practically come to a standstill.

The Council is engaged on a small scheme for the erection of 32 houses for occupation by agricultural workers in thirteen parishes. It should be completed during the early part of the coming year.

In concluding this report I would thank you, Sir, the members of the Council and the Clerk for the kind support given me during the year.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

A. J. HURN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

